



# Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council<sup>1</sup> Update

**District: Penquis**

**Date: 6/24/10**

Brief review of decisions and outcomes from DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting (please attach agendas):

- Discussion around Health Care Reform Dollars, how will they be distributed? The DCC members want to set themselves up to be ready to receive funds.
- Bangor Health and Community Services to host a Grant Summit to address some of the issues of readiness with targeted partners.
- Penobscot valley Hospital, Katahdin Valley Health Center, Millinocket regional Hospital and Health Access Network received a Grant through the Office of rural development to conduct a community needs assessment. The focus will be Northern Penobscot County.
- There was discussion around the level of competition for grants at a state, district and local level. There needs to be a better way to coordinate and have a discussion about funding at the SCC level.
- Conversations need to occur at the federal level to not have funds siloed.
- The LPHSA will be reviewed in combination with the "Call to Action Document" in order to begin the process of selecting which indicators the District Public Health Improvement Plan will focus on. A May committee meeting is planned.
- The District Public Health Improvement Plan will focus on evidence based programs and assess the current initiatives already occurring in the District.
- The Forces of Change Assessment, a part of the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnership (MAPP) process the HMPs are conducting at the local level was administered to the membership.

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

- Developing the Penquis District Public Health Improvement Plan
- Sector engagement/ Membership
- Developing a regular committee schedule for the Penquis District Public Health Improvement Plan

Status of Local Public Health System Assessment:

- The Local Public Health System Assessment (LPHSA) will be reviewed in combination with the "Call to Action Document" in order to begin the process of selecting which indicators the District Public Health Improvement Plan will focus on. A May committee meeting was planned and conducted with recommendations going to the full Penquis DCC at the June meeting.

Organizations represented at meeting(s):

Maine CDC/DHHS  
City Health Department  
Health Care Providers  
Comprehensive Community Health Coalitions/ Healthy Maine Partnerships  
Area Agency on Aging  
Mental Health Services  
Local RSU  
American Red Cross  
Local Health Officer  
Social Service Agencies